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SUSAN A. GENDRON  
COMMISSIONER

September 23, 2008

Lester Sheaffer, RPC Co-Chair  
71 Pine Crest Lane  
Whitefield, ME 04353

Dear Mr. Sheaffer:

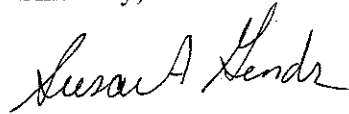
Thank you for the revised Reorganization Plan that you submitted on behalf of the Sheepscot Valley Regional School Unit (SVRSU), which includes the Alna, Chelsea, Palermo, Somerville, Westport Island, Whitefield, Windsor, and Wiscasset School Departments on September 22, 2008 for Department review for compliance with the school reorganization law, P.L. 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX.

Members of my staff and I have completed the review of your plan, and have determined that it is consistent with the policy objectives and parameters set forth in the reorganization law, and it includes all required plan elements and adequate supporting documentation. Therefore, I have determined that your plan is complete and in compliance with the law.

What I am reviewing for approval is a plan which is by its very nature prospective, with steps yet to be taken or finalized; and any review comments or approval given are in relation to the elements required under P.L. 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX but not the legality of all the activities proposed. Thus, I strongly recommend that you have your own legal advisor(s) review the details of any particular transaction proposed in your plan (particularly with respect to the disposition of property, to debt, and to employee contracts/relations) as you proceed, to ensure the legality of the steps you'll be taking to implement the plan. If that review leads to any substantive changes in any parts of your plan, please be sure to submit an amended plan to the Department for our review and our file.

I appreciate the great amount of time, effort and leadership that went into preparing your Reorganization Plan. I wish you continued success as you proceed to referendum and implement the elements set forth in this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan A. Gendron".

Susan A. Gendron  
Commissioner of Education

cc: Frank Boynton, Superintendent, Union 132  
Greg Potter, Superintendent, Union 133  
Jay McIntire, Superintendent, Alna and Wiscasset School Departments  
Blake Brown, RPC Co-Chair  
Jake Clockedile, Facilitator